

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 255

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bradford Randall Smith of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Bradford Randall Smith of Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity in the sales and retail industry for more than thirty years, in which business he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born on September 15, 1954, in Rockwood, Mr. Smith graduated from Rockwood High School in 1972 and, in 1976, graduated from Tennessee Technological University; he was a valued member of the Phi Delta Theta Tennessee Delta Chapter at Tennessee Tech; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwood, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was an avid golfer and a loyal University of Tennessee Volunteers fan who held cooking and grilling among his favorite hobbies; and

WHEREAS, Bradford Smith was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carol Smith, and was the proud father of Miranda Smith and the proud step-father of Carrie Miller; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brother and sister-in-law, Rod and Kathleen Smith; his several nieces and nephews; his aunts and uncles; and his beloved pets, Libby, Lars, and Cleo; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Smith and Geraldine Smith Baskin; his step-father, Lawrence Baskin; and his sister, Jennifer Dee Smith Mears; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Bradford Randall Smith of Rockwood, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Bradford Randall Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.